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HURRICANE NAMES

The word "Hurricane" is derived from the Carib term for "God of Evil". In the West Indies hurricanes were originally named after the Saint upon whose holyday the storm occurred. Until 1953, the custom was to refer to storms by their year or location i.e.: "The Hurricane of 1938" or "The Galveston Hurricane of 1900". In that year, the National Hurricane Center began using female names, in alphabetical order. In 1979, alternating both male and female names began. As listed below, six rotating lists of names are utilized for Atlantic Tropical Cyclones. An international committee of the World Meteorological Organization decides at the conclusion of each hurricane season if the name of an extremely deadly or costly storm should be retired and replaced on the list. As we saw in 2005, once the 21 Tropical Cyclone names are used up, additional storms take their names from the letters of the Greek alphabet: Alpha, Beta, etc.

Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Names 2006-2011

<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Alberto	Andrea	Arthur	Ana	Alex	Arlene
Beryl	Barry	Bertha	Bill	Bonnie	Bret
Chris	Chantal	Cristobal	Claudette	Colin	Cindy
Debby	Dean	Dolly	Danny	Danielle	Don
Ernesto	Erin	Edouard	Erika	Earl	Emily
Florence	Felix	Fay	Fred	Fiona	Franklin
Gordon	Gabrielle	Gustav	Grace	Gaston	Gert
Helene	Humberto	Hanna	Henri	Hermine	Harvey
Isaac	Ingrid	Ike	Ida	Igor	Irene
Joyce	Jerry	Josephine	Joaquin	Julia	Jose
Kirk	Karen	Kyle	Kate	Karl	Katia
Leslie	Lorenzo	Laura	Larry	Lisa	Lee
Michael	Melissa	Marco	Mindy	Matthew	Maria
Nadine	Noel	Nana	Nicholas	Nicole	Nate
Oscar	Olga	Omar	Odette	Otto	Ophelia
Patty	Pablo	Paloma	Peter	Paula	Philippe
Rafael	Rebekah	Rene	Rose	Richard	Rina
Sandy	Sebastien	Sally	Sam	Shary	Sean
Tony	Tanya	Teddy	Teresa	Tomas	Tammy
Valerie	Van	Vicky	Victor	Virginie	Vince
William	Wendy	Wilfred	Wanda	Walter	Whitney

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